

CITY CHARITY BILL NEARLY DOUBLED IN LAST TEN YEARS

Board of Estimate Calls for Curtailment When Figures Are Shown.

INCREASE OF \$5,000,000.

Actual Increase in Cost Is 89.3 Per Cent.—In Beneficiaries 55.6 Per Cent.

New York City's expenditures for charitable purposes in 1906 amounted to \$6,734,566.61. Ten years later they had grown to \$10,865,665.11, an increase of 89.3 per cent.

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WHERE CITY'S MILLIONS FOR CHARITY WENT.

In the Comptroller's report the distribution of expenditures was shown to be as follows:

Private individuals	\$4,580,484.1
Boroughs	1,026,256
Kings County	1,026,256
Bronx County	1,026,256
Queens County	1,026,256
Brooklyn	1,026,256
Department of Public Welfare	849,114
Department of Education	1,026,256
Health Department in part	1,026,256
Total	\$10,865,665.1

The county charges in institutions are the feeble-minded, the deaf and dumb and the blind. The allowances for them have grown \$7,000 in ten years, or about 6 per cent. During this same period the city charges in institutions have increased in cost from \$2,968,437.30 to \$4,550,484.28, or 63 per cent. The number of institutions receiving payments from the city increased from 129 to 151. At the beginning of the present year the charges were made up as follows:

Dependent children.....	18,515
Infants.....	2,350
Delinquent children.....	2,130
Defective children.....	147
Crippled children.....	46
Blind children.....	46
Deaf and dumb (county pupils)	442
Deaf and dumb (State pupils).....	506
Nursing mothers.....	197
Maternity cases.....	478
Medical cases.....	704
Surgical cases.....	918
Consumptive cases.....	1,382
Chronic cases.....	682
Reformatory women.....	62
Friendless women.....	129
Tuberculosis preventorium children.....	223
Total.....	50,016

Children placed in homes during 1914..... 792
Chil'd'rs under supervision Jan. 1, 1914..... 6,654
Total..... 40,462

EXPENSES OF SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND HOMES DOUBLED.

The expenses of the hospitals, schools and homes of the Charities Department increased 91 per cent., from \$1,288,796.94 to \$3,686,806.51, in the ten-

Oddities in the War News

"Bunker in the Chuds of the Deep" was sung as a farewell to Americans leaving Liverpool on the liner Philadelphia—but a very cheerful goodby song in those days of submarine.

Secretary Daniels' Marine Board sat down every hour on the hot air supplier asked by the Germans one winter Prince Eitel gave one. This was 100 bottles of beer, 100 bottles for each man. International regulations place a limit on coal and food, but are silent as to beer.

When House van Buren, one of 200,000 Dutch, was disabled by having both legs broken, he retired from the active army and joined the aviation corps, where his injuries do not interfere with his work.

Because its members enlisted in the army, the exclusive Athenaeum Club of London, to which only men are eligible, will employ women servants.

A tourist agency of Paris is advertising an Easter Sunday excursion to Nîmes to see the house of M. Odent, "the heroic Mayor assassinated by German saboteurs," and the Paris Municipal Council is to take school children to devastated towns as an object lesson.

War has made coal so costly London gas companies have increased the price of gas 4 cents a thousand feet.

Countess Rosenfeld, who was Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, and Countess Biggar, daughter of the late Marcus Daly, have invented for Budapest a popular war game. Forecasts of the date of the close of the war are sealed in envelopes and filed to be read after peace is declared. Thousands are thus "counting" their opinions in hope of being able to say "I told you so."

While trying to sing "Fifteen" to two Austrian girls Allen McAttee, Scotch, was interrupted in Bridgeport, O., by Policeman Horley Irish, bailed before Mayor Schaefer, German, who fined him \$1, and released by Harry Wilson, an American, who paid the fine.

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